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ARREST RELEASE

DATE & TIME **05/10/13 11:29 AM**

Bureau: **Investigative Services Bureau**

Authorized Supervisor: **Lt. Marc Welsh**

Phone: **(815)967-6976**

Incident: **Murder investigation**

MESSAGE

On July 25th, 2012 shortly before 9:00 PM, members of the Rockford Police Department responded to the 1200 block of 8th Street in reference to a shooting incident with a victim at the scene. The victim, Troy Crecy, was suffering from a gunshot wound to the abdomen. Rockford Fire Department personnel transported Crecy to a local hospital for treatment. Crecy later died as a result of his injuries.

Rockford Police Detectives conducted follow up investigation into the incident. The facts of the investigation were reviewed with the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office. The State's Attorney's Office authorized the following charges:

Wyatt M. Hawkins, 29 years of age, Rockford, Illinois
First Degree Murder (multiple counts)

Ian W. Blake, 37 years of age, Rockford, Illinois
First Degree Murder (multiple counts)

Arrest warrants were obtained for Hawkins and Blake.

The charges against Hawkins and Blake are merely accusations. They are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

On April 18th, 2013, Rockford CrimeStoppers received a tip that Ian Blake was in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Rockford Police Detectives conducted follow up on the CrimeStoppers tip and contacted Las Vegas law enforcement officials. Blake was placed under arrest on April 18th shortly after noon at a hotel on West Tropicana Blvd. in Las Vegas.

Hawkins was taken into custody on a previous date by members of the Rockford Police Department.

A photograph of Blake is attached to this media release.

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